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In re Application of

Examiner: T. Nguyen

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Group Art Unit: 2782

Parent Appl. Serial No. 09/172,286

Continuation Appl. Serial No. TBA

Parent Appl. Filed: October 14, 1998

Continuation Appl. Filed: Herewith

For: INTEGRATED MULTIMEDIA SYSTEM WITH LOCAL PROCESSOR,  
DATA TRANSFER SWITCH, PROCESSING MODULES, FIXED FUNCTIONAL  
UNIT, DATA STREAMER, INTERFACE UNIT AND MULTIPLEXER, ALL  
INTEGRATED ON MULTIMEDIA PROCESOR

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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Hon. Commissioner of Patents  
and Trademarks  
Washington, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Prior to the examination of the above-referenced continuation patent application, please  
enter the following amendment.

**In the Specification:**

Page 2, line 1, before the "Field of the Invention" section, kindly add the following:

**– Cross-Reference to Related Applications**

This application is a continuation of, and claims the benefit of priority to, Applicant's co-

pending U.S. Application Serial No. 09/172,286, filed October 14, 1998, which is incorporated by reference herein as fully as if set forth in its entirety.--

### **In the Claims**

For the purposes of this continuation application, please cancel pending claims 2-18.

### **Fees**

Any additional fees or charges required at this time in connection with this application may be charged to Patent and Trademarks Office Deposit Account No. 12-2825.

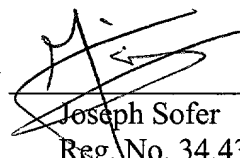
### **Conclusion**

In view of the aforementioned amendment and remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all claims currently pending in the above identified application are now in condition for allowance, the earliest possible notice of which is earnestly solicited. If in the Examiner's opinion the prosecution of the present application would be advanced by a telephone interview, he is invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,

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